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SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON US/CANADA RELATIONS

PARIS PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

REF: (A) STATE 293066 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 295243 (NOTAL);
(C) SECTO 24112; (D) SECTO 24113

1. CBC RADIO THIS MORNING (DECEMBER 17) REPORTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID IN PARIS THAT HE DID NOT AUTHORIZE AMBASSADOR PORTER TO MAKE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM LAST SATURDAY, THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ARE EXCELLENT, AND THAT SECRETARY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT CANADIAN NATIONALISM.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SECTO 24112 AND SECTO 24113 CONTAINING PUBLIC REMARKS AND JOINT STATEMENT OF SECRETARY AND MACEACHEN. THESE EMPHASIZE EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BUT MAKE NO REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR PORTER'S REMARKS.

3. SINCE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STATED AT NOON BRIEFING DECEMBER 15 THAT AMBASSADOR PORTER HAD ACTED WITH DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL (REF B), EMBASSY ANTICIPATES QUESTIONS FROM MEDIA ABOUT APPARENTLY CONTRADICTORY CBC REPORT.

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